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Title: OFF-SITE EMERGENCY RESPONSES		
<p>1.0 <u>PURPOSE:</u></p> <p>1.1 The BNL Fire/Rescue Group is required to respond to off-site emergencies in accordance with the Suffolk County Mutual Aid Plan. Manpower, machinery, heavy/light equipment, technical expertise, or Fire/EMS apparatus may be requested by outside forces to assist in an off-site emergency.</p> <p>2.0 <u>RESPONSIBILITIES:</u></p> <p>2.1 It is the responsibility of the BNL Incident Commander (IC) to coordinate an off-site emergency request for BNL forces.</p> <p>2.2 In determining the level of off-site assistance provided, the IC has a responsibility to assure that on-site emergency response capabilities are not compromised</p> <p>3.0 <u>DEFINITIONS:</u></p> <p>3.1 <u>Senior Fire/Rescue Group Command Officer:</u> the Senior Fire/Rescue Officer on duty: Fire Chief, Shift Captain, or Acting Captain.</p> <p>3.2 <u>Off-Site Emergency:</u> any off-site emergency in which the incident command authority is under the jurisdiction of a Fire Chief.</p>		
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4.0 **PREREQUISITES:**

- 4.1 This procedure applies to all requests for off-site emergency responses received by the Fire/Rescue Group, and all off-site incidents to which the Fire/Rescue Group personnel or equipment is committed.
- 4.2 This procedure does not apply to the Radiological Assistance Plan (RAP). See RAP Procedures Manual for radiological assistance to off-site agencies.

5.0 **PRECAUTIONS:**

None.

6.0 **PROCEDURE:**

- 6.1 Any requests for off-site assistance received by the Fire/Rescue Group shall be forwarded to the EM Manager who will determine the availability of such assistance through contacts with the appropriate Laboratory departments/divisions.
- 6.2 The Fire/Rescue Group's Senior Command Officer shall advise the EM Manager on the impact the request has on the Laboratory's emergency response capabilities, and on BNL's commitments to Suffolk County's Mutual Aid Plan.
- 6.3 The following standards shall be used by the Fire/Rescue Group's Senior Command Officer in committing Fire/Rescue Group staff to off-site emergencies:
 - 6.3.1 A minimum of one (1) Firefighter and a Lieutenant shall be assigned to each off-site work crew. The intent is that all Fire/Rescue work crews shall have a designated person in command until a full crew is assembled. The initial responding unit would need to be supplemented by personnel from the requesting mutual aid department, until additional Firefighters report for duty.
 - 6.3.2 For all off-site operations, sufficient resources in personnel, equipment and supervision shall be provided to assure the safety of BNL personnel (e.g., requirements of NFPA 1500 are satisfied). BNL employees shall not be placed at a greater risk for an off-site incident than would be assumed for an on-site incident.
 - 6.3.3 As soon as practical, a Senior Fire/Rescue Group Officer shall be assigned to the off-site Command Post. If necessary, call-in of a Senior Officer may be used to accomplish this objective.
 - 6.3.4 Where non Fire/Rescue Group employees are involved in an off-site fire incident, they should be under the direct control of their appropriate supervisor who should be in communication with both the Fire/Rescue Group Officer and with the off-site Incident Commander.

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6.3.5 In the event that the number of firefighters available for immediate on-site emergency response becomes less than six, call-in of off-duty firefighters shall be immediate. The Fire/Rescue Group's senior command officer may increase the on-site firefighter level to greater than six (such as: to provide for rotation of work crews, because on-site risk of emergency is high or an off-site fire is threatening BNL property).

7.0 IMPLMENTATION AND TRAINING:

None

8.0 REFERENCES:

Suffolk County Mutual Aid Plan

9.0 ATTACHMENTS

None